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Dear Roger,

As soon as I had time today I checked my Best Evidence file because I know that as usual Lifton lied in saying that I had written a number of reviewers hysterically and they had given him copies of my letters. I found I wrote one reviewer, who reviewed the book for the Times. I also wrote the defunct Star about the same review, that letter not delivered. (I suppose I saw the review in the Star before someone sent me the Times'.) I'm not taking the time this close to supper to read what I wrote the Times because I am confident that it is factual and not hysterical.

What caught my eye as I looked through the file is the beginning of what I also enclose, my 1/30/81 memo that he phoned me. So I read the beginning of that.

I did not phone any reporters about his book but if any phoned me I certainly did talk to them.

The part that three reporters told him that I had phoned them and played a tape of him to them seems hard for me to believe. I've not had a working portable tape recorder for years and the deck is in the living room, connected to the stereo. With one exception I do not know where my one tape that I recall of Lifton is. That exception is a dub of Lifton's tape of his very bad behavior when the press was trying to speak to Guinn after his HSCA testimony. Lardner's asking Guinn if he had validated the specimens he tested was all that interested me.

I've read a little further in the memo and I see the reference to that one tape. He phoned me in 1968 and I taped that. He then lied to me about what I'd asked him and what he'd said then, the LBD-Dulles/Rusk scenario part. Oh that tape & I'll be writing about it.

The hasty search suggests it would be good to ask Lifton to provide what he says he was given by those reporters, including my hysteria, and let that and him be judged. It should also be made clear that if he does not produce he labels himself a liar and a provocateur.

Please let me know if you'd like me to get xeroxes of Sylvia's Lifton file if that is now possible and if so, if you want any more than her letters and comments, i.e., not copies of reviews, etc.

Best,
Harold